MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA



NO. 7(A) DEPT.: / Police

DATE: July 21, 2004

ACTION: Award a contract based on the Commonwealth of Virginia contract #VA030700-ASAP

TO: ASAP Software OF: Buffalo Grove, IL Amount: \$49,093.00

Reverse 911 Interactive Community Notification

System

ACTION STATUS:

FOR THE MEETING OF: 7/26/04

INTRODUCED PUB. HEARING INSTRUCTIONS **APPROVED EFFECTIVE**

ROCKVILLE CITY CODE,

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RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends award of a contract in the amount of \$49,093.00 based on the Commonwealth of Virginia Contract # VA030700-ASAP.					
IMPACT:	☐ Environmental	☐ Fiscal	☐ N eighborhood		
	funding is available throcontract through FY04(0	•		ount #420-750-1C01-0424 to	

BACKGROUND: The Rockville City Government has been responsible for communication to the citizens of Rockville. A new system has been developed called the REVERSE 911 Interactive Community Notification System. This system does not work with our Emergency Operations Center (911). As the name states, "Reverse 911", is a system that gives communities the ability to send out emergency notifications or community information through designated phone lines.

The Reverses 911 System is a software system that can be specifically designed to meet the needs of the community. The REVERSE 911 Notification System can report information about criminal activities to specific geographical areas, report community events, neighborhood crime statistics, road conditions or closings, a HAZMAT emergency and other vital information. In the case of a natural disaster or terrorist threat, the system utilizes the "MASSCALL" component. The system can make several thousand emergency notifications via telephone lines in a matter of minutes.

The system can be used to check on special needs of citizens or victims of domestic violence. By entering a victim into the system, the victim is contacted through an automated dial and prompted to reply. If no response is made in a timely manner, the system alerts the communications operator and a police officer is dispatched.

This system will greatly improve the technology in the City of Rocks communicating information utilizing geographical locations; neighboroups.	ville and can assist the citizens by orhood groups or user defined
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PREPARED BY: Plante elidere	MANUAL TO A STATE OF THE STATE
Marlene Didone, Police Corporal	
CONCUR: 7/31/2004	
Eileen Morris, Contract Manager	
APPROVE: /Nhe	7-19-04
T.N. Treschuk, Chief of Police	Date
Catherine Tuck-Parrish, Acting City Manager	7/2:104
Catherine Tuck-Parrish, Acting City Manager	Date
LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:	



Douglas M. Duncan

County Executive

J. Thomas Manger Chief of Police

July 9, 2004

T. N. Treschuk Chief of Police City of Rockville 111 Maryland Avenue Rockville, MD 20850-2364

Re: your letter dated June 25, 2004

Dear Chief Treschuk:

This letter serves to provide permission by the Montgomery County, MD Department of Police 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center (ECC), to the City of Rockville, MD, to contact with Verizon and be provided the 9-1-1 Automatic Number Identification (ANI) and Automatic Location Identification (ALI) database, for the residence and business telephone numbers located within the corporate limits of Rockville, for use exclusively in the operation of Rockville's newly acquired Reverse 911® community notification system.

If MCP 9-1-1 ECC can assist in any other way, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Steve Souder, Director

Communications Division/9-1-1ECC

Steve Souder

Copy: Chief Manger A/C King John Crabill



MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA



DATE: July 20, 2004

NO. 7(B) DEPT.: Public Works / General Maintenance

ACTION: Award of Contract No. 4506010003DD

(Montgomery County)

TO:

F. O. Day Bituminous Company

OF:

Rockville, Maryland

AMOUNT: Not to Exceed \$54,000.00

FOR:

Bituminous Concrete – FY 2005 Roadway

Maintenance

ACTION STATUS:

FOR THE MEETING OF: 7/26/2004

INTRODUCED PUB. HEARING INSTRUCTIONS **APPROVED**

EFFECTIVE

ROCKVILLE CITY CODE.

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RECOMMENDATION:

The staff recommends approval to enter into a requirements contract for bituminous concrete products with fixed unit pricing with F. O. Day Bituminous Company under Montgomery County Bid No. 4506010003DD in the amount not to exceed \$54,000.00 for the period ending June 17, 2005 with the option to extend for two additional one-year periods subject to approval of funds.

IMPACT:	Environmental		Neighborhood	Other:
	t funds are available in	•	count numbers:	
	50-0702-0323 - \$42,000			
210-8	50-0502-0232 - \$ 6,000			
220-8	50-0602-0232 - \$ 6,000			

Project Descr	<u>Project Description</u> : The purpose of this bid is to provide 2,000 tons of bituminous concrete for the FY 2005 roadway maintenance requirements.			
Current Vend	lor: The current vendor is F. O. Day Bituminous	Company.		
References:	References: We have used F. O. Day Bituminous Company for the last several years with entirely satisfactory results.			
	BY: Steve Sokol Steve Sokol, Operations Maint. Asst. Supt.	7/20/2004 Date		
CONCUR:	Eileen Morris, Contract Officer			
APPROVE:	Edgene H. Cranor, Director of Public Works	7/20/2004 Date 7/20/2004 Date		
APPROVE:	Cafe Judic Parish, Acting City Manager	7/2 :/ <u>C^/</u> Date		
None	ACHMENTS:			

BACKGROUND:

Bid Distribution:

Not applicable.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA



NO. 7(c)

DEPT.: Public Works / Contract Management

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DATE: July 20, 2004

ACTION: Approve second (and final) modification of

Purchase Order #27111.

TO:

Richard F. Kline, Inc.

OF:

Frederick, Maryland

AMOUNT: \$125,756.97

FOR:

Additional work under the FY 2004 Asphalt

Maintenance Program, Bid #16-04

ACTION STATUS:

FOR THE MEETING OF: 7/26/2004

INTRODUCED PUB. HEARING

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this second and final modification to Purchase Order #27111, to Richard F. Kline, Inc. of Frederick, Maryland, in the amount of \$125,756.97, for additional work (as described below) under the FY 2004 Asphalt Pavement Maintenance Program, Bid #16-04.

IMPACT: Environmental	⊠ Fiscal	Neighborhood	Other:
Adequate funding exists in CIP ad Pavement Maintenance Program affected streets and traffic delays	. Neighborhood i	impact is limited to daily	restrictions of parking on

BACKGROUND:

Staff publicly advertised Bid #16-04 for the City's annual Asphalt Maintenance Contract in the spring of this year. Mayor and Council approved the award of Bid #16-04, in the amount of \$532,114.00. Purchase Order #27111 was subsequently issued to Richard F. Kline, Inc. of Frederick, Maryland and work began in early September 2003. Substantial completion of the "smoothseal" portion of the work was accomplished by October 24, 2003.

Staff requested and received approval from the City Manager for the first modification to this purchase order in late October 2003, in the amount of \$52,500.00 (or 9.8% of the original Purchase Order) to add three items of work and cover some minor cost over-runs. The original approval memo is attached for reference.

Staff traditionally adds work to this project as funding allows and as contractor's schedules permit. Staff had the opportunity to direct the contractor to do two additional roadways which had deteriorated significantly in the past two years. These streets were Ardennes Avenue (from the City limits to Viers Mill Road) and Mannakee Street (from MD 355 to the limits of the Montgomery College Property). The work done included the complete removal of all existing smoothseal that had built up over several applications, extensive base repairs, and new asphalt surface. The combined cost was \$125,756.97 bringing the total of modifications to \$178,256.97 or 33.5% of the original contract price and thus requires Mayor and Council approval.

PREPARED B	BY: <u>Míchael Wílhelm</u> Michael Wilhelm, PE, Chief, Contract Manageme	<u>7/20/2004</u> ent Date
CONCUR:	Eileen Morris, Contract Officer	7/20/2004 Date
APPROVE:	Eugene H. Cranor, Director of Public Works	7/20/04 Date
_	Control of Parish, Acting City Manager	7/3 (/ Ø Y Date

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

Memorandum for first modification of Purchase Order #27111, dated October 24, 2003.



October 27, 2003

TO W Mark Pentz, City Manager

FROM. Michael Wilhelm, PE, Chief, Contract Management Division/////

VIA Eugene H. Criffor, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Modification to Purchase Order #27111

Staff publicly advertised Bid #16-04 for the City's annual Asphalt Maintenance Contract in the spring of this year. Mayor and Council approved the award of Bid #16-04, in the amount of \$532,114 Purchase Order #27111 was subsequently issued to Richard F. Kline, Inc. of Frederick, Maryland and the work began in early September. Substantial completion of the "smoothseal" portion of the work was accomplished as of Friday, October 24.

Staff includes wording in the bid that allows us to add small projects or other additional asphalt work beyond the original planned scope as the need arises. This allows us to take advantage of the lower unit prices to get these small "odd jobs" completed in a quick and efficient manner. Three specific small projects have been added (to date) to this years contract. These are

- Mill and overlay a 100 foot stretch of Chapman Avenue with a new 2" asphalt course to facilitate the construction of a new, lighted pedestrian cross-walk. Another contractor under the direction of the Transportation Division is doing the actual crosswalk. The Cost is \$14,500.00 and funding is provided in CIP account 420-850-4B71
- Mill and overlay of a 150 foot stretch of Fleet Street, between Monroe Street and Park Avenue.
 This work, and the funding for it was transferred from the Mount Vernon SWM and Sewer
 project as that Contractor was not able to perform the work. The Cost is \$15,500.00 and
 funding is provided in CIP account 220-850-4A45
- Install 2 speed humps on Maple Avenue. The cost is \$3,500 and funding is from 420-850 4B71.

in addition to these three specific items, we exceeded our original bid price for the 1/2" asphalt thin overlay (what we used to call smoothseal) by approximately \$19,000.00. The additional funds are

TO W Mark Pentz, City Manager Oct 27, 2003 Page 2

available in the Asphalt Maintenance Program, 420-850-8111. This over-run is based on minor variations of unit quantities

Total additional cost to date is \$52,500, bringing the total value of PO#27111 to date to \$584,614

Although the thin layer portion of the paving contract is substantially complete, staff reserves the right to continue to add extra work to this contract as the need arises in accordance with the terms of our contract

CONCUR

Fileen Morris Contracts Officer

Date

0/28/03

APPROVE:

W. Mark Pentz, City Manager

Date

MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA



DATE: July 20, 2004

NO. 7(D) DEPT.: Public Works / Environment

ACTION STATUS: ACTION: Award of Bid #46-04 **FOR THE MEETING OF: 07/26/2004** TO: Rustler Construction, Inc. INTRODUCED OF: Lanham, Maryland PUB. HEARING **AMOUNT: \$511,987.00** INSTRUCTIONS North Horners Lane Water Main FOR: **APPROVED EFFECTIVE** Improvements ROCKVILLE CITY CODE. CHAPTER SECTION CONSENT AGENDA RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends award of Bid #46-04 to Rustler Construction, Inc. of Lanham, Maryland in the amount of \$511,987.00 for the North Horners Lane Water Main Improvements. IMPACT: Environmental Neighborhood Other: Funding is available for this project in CIP account number 210-850-0B34. Neighborhood impact is limited to temporary lane closures and temporary water service interruptions. Advisories will be mailed out to the adjacent community with project scheduling information and temporary construction inconveniences. Properties affected by this work are primarily residential.

Bid Distribut	<u>Distribution</u> : Notification of the bid was mailed to 32 prospective contractors. One Rockville company was notified of the project. Bid notification also was posted on the City's Web site.				
Bid Receive	Rustler Construction, Inc. Sagres Construction Corp A&M Concrete Corp	Lanham, Maryland Alexandria, Virginia Falls Church, Virginia	\$511,987.00 \$535,100.00 \$1,006,300.00		
	The engineer's estimate was	\$ \$523,711.50.			
Project Des	entitled "Pitometer Report of the Department of Public Wo to upgrade the existing 8-ind Horners Lane from Southlaw	itometer & Associates to comp em based upon demand through in the Water Distribution Syster orks in 1994. The report includ th water main to a 12-inch water wn Lane to Westmore Road. The ty to American Water Works A	gh 2010. This study, n," was accepted by ed recommendations er main in North ne upgrade will		
Reference:	Staff contacted three referer project. All responses were	nces for work similar to that to be positive.	oe undertaken by this		
PREPARED	BY: <u>John W. Hollida</u> John W. Hollida, Civil Enginee		<u> </u>		
CONCUR:	Eileen Morris, Contracts Officer		2004		
APPROVE:	Eugene H. Cranor, Director of Public	c Works Date	1		
APPROVE:	Catherine Tuck Parrish, Acting City	Manager Date			
LIST OF AT	TACHMENTS:				
None	-				

BACKGROUND:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA



NO. 7(E) DEPT.: Recreation and Parks

DATE: July 22, 2004

ACTION:

Award of Bid No. IFB 69-04

TO:

Custom Park Services, Inc.

OF:

Jessup, Maryland

AMOUNT:

\$153,015

FOR:

Removal and Replacement of Playground

Equipment at Elwood Smith Park and

Maryvale Park

ACTION STATUS:

FOR THE MEETING OF: 7/26/04

INTRODUCED PUB. HEARING

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RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends award of Bid 69-04 to the second lowest bidder, Custom Park Services, Inc. of Jessup, Maryland in the amount of \$153,015 to remove and replace playground equipment at Elwood Smith Park and Maryvale Park.

IMPACT: Envi	ronmental 🛛 Fisc	al 🛭 Neighborhood	Other:		
Fiscal: Sufficient funds are budgeted in the Capital Improvements Project Account 420-900-4G61.					
Neighborhood: Th	is will improve the qualit	y of play and safety at thes	e City parks.		

BACKGROUND: Invitations to Bid were mailed to 128 firms, five of which were Rockville firms. Sealed bids were received and opened on May 26, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. in the Boards and Commissions Conference Room. Three bids were received, as follows:

<u>Order</u>	Contractor	Location	Total
1.	Leffler Construction *	Laurel MD	\$133,415
2.	Custom Park Services, Inc.	Jessup MD	\$153,015
3.	Triple J. Construction, Inc.	Gaithersburg MD	\$167,614
* Note:	Leffler Construction was disqualified be as required. Additionally, Leffler did no	ecause the equipment offered did not m t submit a complete bid package (requi	eet the minimum specifications, red submittals were not

<u>Project Description:</u> This project provides for all labor, materials, equipment, demolition and removal of existing units and safety undersurface, excavation, installation, inspection, incidentals, and guarantee for new play structures, including four benches, border panels, playground safety signs, safety undersurfaces and compliance certificates at Elwood Smith Park and Maryvale Park with a completion date of September 10, 2004.

A committee of residents from the communities near Elwood Smith Park and Maryvale Park assisted City staff with the design of these two replacement playgrounds.

Staff Budget Estimate: \$135,000 Prices for this equipment are affected by higher steel, concrete, and fuel costs. Funds will be transferred from the Ballfield Improvement project, which had funds available due to the postponement of a drainage improvement project. The drainage project was postponed in order to study and confirm effects on adjacent storm water management engineering.

References: Custom Park Services, Inc. has provided satisfactory services on previous playground equipment replacement projects for the City of Rockville.

PREPARED BY: Stove Mader Systemators of Bodge and Facilities	7-27-04
Steve Mader, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities APPROVE: Burt Hall, Director of Recreation and Parks	Date 7. 22-∘ ¥ Date
Eileen Morris, Contracts Officer	<u> </u>
Catherine Tuck-Parrish, Acting City Manager	

None

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA



NO.7(F) DEPT.: Recreation and Parks DATE: July 22, 2004

ACTION: Award of Bid #72-04

TO: Bob Porter Company, Inc.

OF: Woodbine, MD **AMOUNT:** \$1,442,977

FOR: Renovations and Improvements to

Rockville City Hall

ACTION STATUS:

FOR THE MEETING OF: 7/26/04

INTRODUCED PUB. HEARING INSTRUCTIONS APPROVED

ROCKVILLE CITY CODE,

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RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends award of Bid #72-04 to Bob Porter Company, Inc., of Woodbine, MD, in the low bid amount of \$1,442,977, for renovations and improvements to Rockville City Hall. Staff recommends that none of the add alternates be awarded.					
IMPACT:	⊠ Fiscal	Neighborhood	☑ Other:		
Fiscal: Funding is approved in the	Capital Improve	ements Program, Proje	ect #420-900-9B91.		
<u>Neighborhood</u> : The only change to the exterior of the City Hall building will be the addition of a fire egress stair on the west side of the building. This stair will be architecturally compatible with the existing building. There will be no additional staff assigned to work at City Hall as a result of this project, so parking capacity and traffic will not be affected.					
Other – Code Compliance: In addition to providing needed additional workspace for employees, and expanded meeting rooms, this project will correct ADA and life-safety code problems with the existing building, including the construction of a new fire stair from level 3 on the south side of the building, installation of fire sprinklers in areas not now covered, enclosure of the atrium, and improvements to bathrooms and other areas to comply with ADA standards.					

BACKGROUND: Bids were mailed to a total of 105 contractors, 9 of which are located in Rockville. In addition, the bid was advertised in Blue Report, Bid Net, and Construction Market Data. Bidders were required to be pre-qualified, based on (1) previous project experience, (2) experience of principals, (3) capacity to meet scheduling requirements, and (4) financial soundness. Seven firms, none of which is located in Rockville, submitted Qualification Packages. These proposals were rated by a committee consisting of City staff and the project architect team. All seven firms were rated as qualified to participate in the second phase of the procurement process, in which each firm received bid documents and was requested to submit a priced proposal. Six bids were received as follows:

Contractor	<u>Location</u>	Base Bid	<u>Alt. 1*</u>	Alt 2*	<u> Alt 3*</u>
Bob Porter Co., Inc.	Woodbine, MD.	\$1,442,977	\$25,000	\$3,900	\$35,000
Patriot Group Cont., Inc.	Beltsville, MD	\$1,611,777	\$26,000	\$4,000	\$30,000
The Warren-Young Group, Inc.	Gaithersburg, MD	\$1,628,766	\$23,000	\$30 each	\$23,500
Coakley-Williams Cont., Inc.	Gaithersburg, MD	\$1,698,000	\$36,000	\$5,000	\$33,000
Sigal Construction Corp.	Washington, D.C.	\$1,980,000	\$20,000	\$6,000	\$20,000
The J.G. Garcete Co., Inc.	Washington, D.C.	\$1,989,000	\$29,500	\$10,000	\$35,000

*Add Alternate #1: Replace existing skylight over atrium area.

Add Alternate #2: Provide corner guards.

Add Alternate #3: Wood paneling in lobby.

<u>Project Description</u>: This project will provide renovations and improvements to Rockville City Hall, including necessary life-safety code and ADA compliance upgrades, as follows:

- A. Construction of a new exterior fire egress stair from level 3, south side of building, and limited adjacent office renovations to bring the building into life safety code compliance. Installation of sprinklers in the Mayor and Council Chambers and other areas not now covered.
- B. On level 3, the work includes the infill of the existing interior atrium space, the construction of a new communicating staircase between levels 3 & 2, construction of a new reception desk and public meeting rooms, the relocation of the existing TV studio to a location adjacent to the Mayor and Council Chambers; renovations to the Finance and Information Technology Departments, and ADA-renovations to the bathrooms adjacent to the Information Technology Department.
- C. On level 2, the work includes renovations to the Personnel, Community Planning and Development Services, and Public Works Departments; construction of public meeting rooms, and relocation/ADA-renovations to the bathrooms located adjacent to CPDS.

The project will be constructed in three major phases over a period of approximately 15 months. While work is done on department workspaces, staff will be relocated to temporary offices. Parking spaces on the south side of the building will be temporarily blocked to provide a construction staging area. Some staff will be assigned to park off site during the construction period. Mayor and Council, visitor, handicap and carpool parking spaces will be maintained at current levels throughout construction.

City Hall will remain open and fully accessible throughout all phases of construction, with the exception of some brief periods. All life-safety code requirements will be maintained throughout construction.

Project Budget Estimate: \$1,500,000

project experience, (2) experience	ce of principals, (3) capacity necked references for Bob F	s a finalist bidder based on (1) prev y to meet scheduling requirements, Porter Company, Inc. and found the ce building renovation project.	and
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PREPARED BY: Burt Hall, Director of Recreation a APPROVE: Eileen Morris, Conti	772	7/20/04 Date 7/60/04	
Cost J., Catherine Tuck Par	ار باکست rish, Acting City Manager		
LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:			





NO. 7(6) DEPT.: Legal/ Community Planning and Development Services DATE: July 12, 2004

Contact: Deane Mellander, Planner III

ACTION: Introduction of Ordinance: Zoning text amendment TXT2003-00204: to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow new uses in the C-1 Zone, with a limitation of 5,000 square feet per establishment-Auctioneer, and commercial galleries; health and fitness; indoor entertainment establishment, commercial; interior decorator, including the display and sale of furniture; libraries, museums, art galleries; recreational establishment, indoor, commercial; rental halls; and to delete section 25-323; Shulman Rogers Gandal Pordy & Ecker, P.A., applicants.

ACTION STATUS:

FOR THE MEETING OF: 7/26/04

INTRODUCED

PUB. HEARING 3/15/04,

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CHAPTER 25

SECTION 3

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RECOMMENDATION:	Introduce ordinance t	to adopt text amendment.	
IMPACT: Environment and Enviro		Neighborhood are feet in the C-1 Zone for	Other: Retail certain types of uses.

BACKGROUND: At present, the C-1 Zone allows for limited retail and service facilities convenient to residential neighborhoods. Offices are limited to no more than 25% of the total floor area, and cannot exceed 4,500 square feet. In addition, the retailing of computers, shoes, variety and dry goods, clothing, music and recordings, jewelry, photographic studios, opticians, private postal services, interior decorators and photo processing are limited to no more than 2,500 square feet for each establishment. The applicant is proposing to allow additional uses in the C-1 Zone with a floor area limitation of 5,000 square feet. These uses are as follows: Auctioneer, and commercial galleries; health and fitness; indoor entertainment establishment, commercial; interior decorator, including the display and sale of furniture; libraries, museums, art galleries; recreational establishment, indoor, commercial; rental halls. Note that interior decorators would be expanded from the current 2,500 square foot limitation.

Staff reviewed the proposed text amendment and recommended modifications to clarify the language and intent of the proposed text amendment. The Planning Commission reviewed the text amendment at their meeting on February 25, 2004. The Commission recommends approval of the text amendment with the modifications recommended by the staff. Their recommendation is attached.

At the end of the public hearing session on March 15, 2004, the Mayor and Council directed staff to provide the nearby civic associations with copies of the proposed text amendment and the Planning Commission's recommendation. These letters were mailed on March 17, 2004. The hearing was continued to April 19 so that any additional testimony could be received into the record.

One issue raised at the March 15 session was whether the proposed text amendment would affect the Rockshire shopping center. The proposed language in section 25-319 (b) reads, in part, as follows: Within a shopping center of 50,000 square feet or more <u>located in the C-1 Zone</u>, the following uses shall occupy not more than 5,000 square feet each: (emphasis added)... Since the Rockshire center is in the R-90 zone, the provision allowing these additional uses does not apply.

The public hearing record closed on May 3, 2004. Other than the applicant's representative, there were only two speakers, who spoke at the March 15 session. William Meyer testified about his concern regarding the targeted nature of the text amendment, and that better notice of the hearing was needed. Also, he recommended that the provision allowing sale of alcoholic beverages be deleted. James Hedley from Rockshire wanted to be assured that the provisions of the text amendment would not apply to the Rockshire shopping center.

At the Discussion and Instruction session on July 12, 2004, the Mayor and Council instructed staff to proceed with preparation of an ordinance for adoption to be introduced at the July 26 meeting.

PREPARED BY:	7/13/04
Welling E. MALLYNE	
Deane Mellander, Planner III	Date
APPROVE: Robert Spalding, AICP, Chief of Planning	7. 14.4 Date
APPROVE: Arthur D. Chambers, AICP, CPDS Director	7/18/04 Date
APPROVE: Catherine Tuck Parrish, Acting City Manager	7/31/04 Date

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Proposed ordinance to adopt the text amendment.
- 2. Proposed Ordinance as modified by the Planning Commission.
- 3. Letter of March 17, 2004 to the Fallsridge, Potomac Springs, and Potomac Woods civic associations.
- 4. Letter of March 15, 2004 from David Freishtat.
- Planning Commission recommendation.
- 6. Staff report to the Planning Commission with recommended modifications to the proposed ordinance.
- 7. Zoning Text Amendment Application.
- 8. Proposed Ordinance by applicant.
- 9. Letter of November 18, 2003 from David Freishtat requesting the text amendment.

Ordinance No. _____ORDINANCE: To Grant Text Amendment Application No. TXT2003-00204, as amended, David D. Freishtat, Attorney for Seven Locks Plaza, LC, Applicant

WHEREAS, David D. Freishtat, Attorney for Seven Locks Plaza, LC, 11921 Rockville Pike, Third Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20852, filed Text Amendment Application TXT2003-00204, for the purpose of allowing additional uses in the C-1 Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Rockville reviewed the aforesaid application at its meeting of December 8, 2003, and accepted the application for further processing; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the proposed text amendment application at its February 25, 2004, meeting and recommended approval, with modifications, as set forth in a memorandum dated February 26, 2004; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Mayor and Council of Rockville gave notice that a hearing on said application would be held by the Mayor and Council in the Council Chambers at Rockville City Hall on March 15, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2004, said application came on for hearing at the time and place provided for in said advertisement; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council continued the public hearing until April 19, 2004; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2004, said application came on for the continuation of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council having considered the text amendment application, and the entire file pertaining thereto, said Mayor and Council having decided that the granting of this application, as amended, in the form set forth below would promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Rockville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, that Text Amendment Application No. TXT2003-00204 be, and the same is hereby, granted, as amended, in the form set forth below.

SECTION 1. That Chapter 25 of the Rockville City Code entitled "Zoning and Planning," Section 25-319, "General and professional offices in C-1 zone" be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 25-319. [General and professional offices in C-1 Zone.] <u>Limitations on certain uses</u> in the C-1 Zone.

- (a) General and professional offices including medical and dental clinics shall occupy no more than twenty-five (25) percent of the gross floor area of any building constructed in the C-1 Zone, and in no event more than four thousand five hundred (4,500) square feet of the gross floor area for each tenant of such building.
- (b) Retailing of computers and accessories, including repair; auctioneer and commercial gallery; interior decorator; jewelry, including repair; luggage, including repair; music, musical intruments and accessories and recordings; optician; pets; photographic processing; photographic studio; private postal service; shoes; sporting goods; variety and dry goods, and wearing apparel in the C-1 Zone shall occupy not more than two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet for each establishment. Within a shopping center of fifty thousand (50,000) square feet or more located in the C-1 Zone, the following uses shall occupy not more than five thousand (5,000) square feet each; retailing of alcoholic veberages for consumption off the premises; auctioneer and commercial galleries; health and fitness establishment; indoor entertainment establishments, commercial, except shooting gallery or range; interior decorator, including the display and sale of furniture as an accessory use; libraries, museums, art galleries; recreational establishment, indoor, commercial, except shooting gallery or range; and rental halls for meetings and social occasions.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 25 of the Rockville City Code entitled "Zoning and Planning" be amended by deleted Section 25-323 in its entirety as follows:

[Sec. 25-323. Limitation on certain uses in the C-1 Zone.

Retailing of computers and accessories including repair; shoes; variety and dry goods; wearing apparel; music, musical instruments and accessories and recordings; jewelry, including repair; photographic studio; optician; private postal service; interior decorator; and photographic

Ordinance No3-
process in the C-1 Zone shall occupy not more than two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet for each establisment.]
Note: [Brackets] indicate material deleted <u>Underlining</u> indicates material added ****************** I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting of
Claire F. Funkhouser, City Clerk

Text Amendment TXT2003-00204 with Modifications Recommended by Planning Commission.

Section 25-319. [General and professional offices in C-1 Zone.] <u>Limitations on certain uses in the C-1 Zone.</u>

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March 17, 2004

Dear Civic Association President:

A proposed zoning ordinance text amendment, TXT2003-00204, has been filed with the City. This text amendment would add additional uses in the C-1 (Local Commercial) Zone, and allow some uses to occupy up to 5,000 square feet of floor area. The text amendment applies only to shopping centers in the C-1 Zone exceeding 50,000 square feet of floor area. At present, the only local shopping center that meets this criteria is the Potomac Woods Shopping Center at Seven Locks Road and Fortune Terrace.

The Planning Commission considered this text amendment at its meeting on February 25, 2004 and recommended approval with the modifications recommended by the planning staff. The Commission's recommendation is attached to this letter.

The Mayor and Council opened the public hearing on this text amendment at their meeting on March 15, 2004. Testimony was taken from two individuals and the applicant. In order to be assured that all interested parties be given the opportunity to submit testimony, the Mayor and Council directed staff to contact surrounding civic associations with the background information. The hearing will be reconvened on April 19. Any testimony may be submitted by letter or in person at the April 19 session or prior to April 20, 2004 when the public record will be closed.

Attached for your information is the original letter of request from the applicant, the staff report to the Planning Commission, and the Planning Commission's recommendation to the Mayor and Council. Written testimony should be submitted to the City Clerk's office. If you wish to sign up to speak at the April 19 session, please contact the City Clerk's office at 240-314-8281. If you have questions regarding the text amendment or the process, please contact Deane Mellander of the planning staff at 240-314-8224 or by e-mail at: dmellander@rockvillemd.gov.

Sincerely,

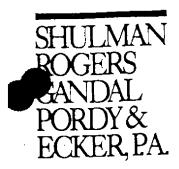
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March 15, 2004

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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The Honorable Larry Giammo, Mayor City of Rockville Maryland Avenue at Vinson Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Proposed Zoning Text Amendment TXT 2003-00204; to allow additional uses in the C-1 zone (Local Commercial), with a limitation of 5,000 square feet per establishment

Our File No. 070375.00003

Dear Mr. Giammo:

This Firm represents Seven Locks Plaza, LC, the owner of Potomac Woods Plaza shopping center, a C-1 zoned retail center located on Seven Locks Road. This center is the largest C-1 zoned shopping center in Rockville, comprising 53,828 gross square feet of retail space. It is the only C-1 center in the City that exceeds 50,000 square feet of floor area.

The Potomac Woods Center, due to its size and the dynamics of retailing has suffered large vacancies for the past number of years. The uses permitted in the C-1 are very limited and reflect the market of ten to twenty years ago. The current market for local commercial retail has changed and the zoning ordinance list of permitted uses must also change. Making the requested changes will help to bolster the economic health of this center, and as a result, this area of the City.

Working with your planning staff, the applicant has suggested that the proposed text change will more accurately reflect the needs of this type of retail center, with an expanded list of permitted uses, but limiting the size of each use to no greater than 5,000 square feet of gross leasable area. The usual store size in a local commercial center will range from 3,500 square feet to 4,800 square feet. The new uses that are most likely to be located in the local center will be health and fitness, interior decorator, indoor entertainment. There have been inquiries about a catering or meeting location, sometimes in conjunction with a restaurant. These types of uses would only be successful if the local community supported them, supporting the





The Honorable Larry Giammo March 15, 2004 Page 2

principle that these uses would be appropriate when their size is limited.

Adoption of this change in the language and permitted uses in the C-1 zone will allow this center to be able to compete for more uses, which would otherwise be allowed in the nearby centers located in the County.

We want to thank the Mayor and Council for introducing the text amendment. We note that the Planning Commission and the planning staff have recommended approval of the text change. We hope that you will adopt the change and allow this property to be a more beneficial member of the Rockville business community.

My best regards.

Very truly yours,

David D. Freishtat

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cc: Members of the City Council

Mr. Robert Spalding

Mr. Arthur Chambers



MEMORANDUM

February 26, 2004

TO:

Mayor and Council

FROM:

Planning Commission

SUBJECT:

Planning Commission Recommendation on Zoning Text Amendment TXT2003-

00204, to Allow Additional Uses in the C-1, Local Commercial, Zone, with a

Limitation of 5,000 square feet per establishment.

At its meeting on February 25, 2004, the Planning Commission considered proposed Zoning Text Amendment No. TXT2003-00204. This text amendment would permit additional uses in the C-1 Zone in shopping centers with a floor area of 50,000 square feet or greater. Certain of these uses are limited to a maximum floor area of 5,000 square feet.

The staff report recommended approval of the text amendment with modifications to clarify the language and conform it to the terminology in the zoning ordinance. The text amendment does allow for some greater flexibility in the provision of uses in local commercial shopping centers, while maintaining limits on the size of individual tenants.

All of the planning commissioners recommend approval of the text amendment as modified. In supporting the text amendment, Commissioner Hilton advised the applicants to involve the neighboring community in the selection of tenants to assure their suitability to serve the neighborhood.

On a motion by Commissioner Mullican, seconded by Commissioner Britton, the Commission recommends by a vote of 6 to 0 that this text amendment be approved.

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MEMORANDUM

February 19, 2004

TO:

City of Rockville Planning Commission

FROM:

Deane Mellander, Planner III 222

VIA:

Bob Spalding, AICP, Chief of Planning

SUBJECT:

Proposed Zoning Text Amendment TXT2003-00204; To allow additional uses in

the C-1, Local Commercial, Zone with a limitation of 5,000 square feet per

establishment.

BACKGROUND

The applicant represents the owners of the Seven Locks Plaza shopping center, located on Seven Locks Road. In requesting the text amendment, the applicants have cited the fact that the shopping center suffers from a high vacancy rate which is caused, at least in part, by the limitations the code imposes on the types of uses and their sizes in the C-1 Zone. The Mayor and Council accepted the application for filing at their meeting on December 8, 2003. The public hearing on this text amendment will be held on March 15, 2004.

ANALYSIS

The statement of the applicant, Attachment C, sets forth their rationale for the amendment. The text amendment would allow the following new uses in the C-1 Zone:

The Retailing of:

Alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises.

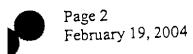
Pets

Sporting goods.

Luggage, including repair.

The following retail sales and personal services:

Auctioneer and commercial gallery



Interior decorator, including display and sale of furniture.

Private club or lodge.

Rental halls for meetings and social occasions.

Indoor entertainment establishments, commercial, except shooting gallery or range.

Health and fitness establishment.

Recreational establishment, indoor, commercial, except shooting gallery or range.

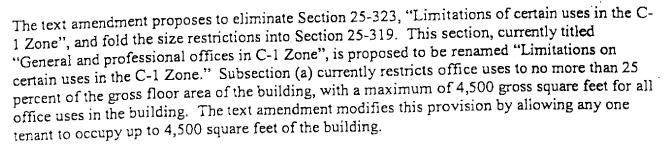
Upholstering.

Medical and dental clinics.

Ambulance service.

Libraries, museums, and galleries.

All of these new uses, with the exception of alcoholic beverage sales, private clubs, and upholstering, and ambulance service, would be subject to the size limitations proposed in the text amendment. Note that in the applicant's submittal, full-service restaurants, including drive-through, were listed in the land use tables as being allowed by special exception. The applicant does not wish to pursue this use in the C-1 Zone.



A new subsection (b) is proposed to be added, which provides restriction on the size of certain uses (including the new ones to be added) allowed in the C-1 Zone. The current size restrictions are retained at 2,500 square feet for all of the restricted uses. In addition, the new uses proposed for inclusion in the C-1 Zone are allowed a maximum of 5,000 square feet each if the shopping center is 50,000 square feet or larger.

The added language in subsection (a), denoting the floor area "for each tenant" is essentially a clarification, since the existing language doesn't specify a limitation on tenants, only on the total amount of floor area that can be devoted to office uses.

Subsection (b) takes the restrictions on sizes of certain uses from Section 25-323 and folds them into this new language. This language restricts to 2,500 square feet the space allowed for the following uses:

Retailing of:

Computers and accessories including repair.

Shoes.

Variety and dry goods.



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Wearing apparel.

Music, musical instruments and accessories and recordings.

Jewelry, including repair.

Photographic studio.

Optician.

Private postal service.

Interior decorator.

Photographic processing.

Under the proposed text amendment these restrictions remain in place, no matter the size of the shopping center. The following uses would be allowed to utilize up to 5,000 square feet of space in a shopping center of 50,000 square feet or larger:

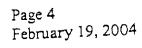
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Rental halls for meetings and social occasions.

For clarification, indoor commercial entertainment establishments is not a defined use, but has been interpreted to mean facilities that could feature items such as video game arcades, pinball machines, and similar uses. A recreational establishment, indoor commercial is defined, as follows: "An activity of an athletic nature for which a fee is paid which takes place inside a building, including baseball batting in cages, basketball, golf driving practice, gymnastics, miniature golf, racquetball, rock climbing, skiing practice, swimming, tennis, volleyball, bowling, billiards or other athletic activity." The rental hall use is essentially a catering facility.

Staff points out that the Seven Locks Center, at 53,828 square feet, is the only shopping center in the C-1 Zone that meets or exceeds the 50,000 square foot threshold. The next largest one is the Woodley Gardens Center, which is 25,200 gross square feet. The Rockshire Center is 56,915 square feet, but it is in the R-90 Zone. Uses authorized in the C-1 are allowed within a PRU. However, the language of the text amendment restricts the added uses only to contiguous C-1 Zones of 50,000 square feet or more. Thus, the staff opinion is that this provision as submitted and with staff recommendations will have no effect on commercial uses in PRU developments with an underlying residential base zone.

As submitted, the staff finds that there are some inconsistencies in the language that need to be clarified. Also, the changes to the land use tables needs to be revised for clarity and consistency.

The intent of the provision in subsection (b) seems to be that the provisions apply to shopping centers with 50,000 or more square feet of gross floor area. The proposed language reads: "In all contiguous C-1 Zones of 50,000 square feet or more...", which implies land area.



Discussions with the applicants have always been in reference to building area. Therefore staff recommends that the language at the beginning of the second sentence in subsection (b) be revised to read as follows: "Within a shopping center of 50,000 square feet or more located in the C-1 Zone, the following uses..." The applicant is also proposing to modify the terminology of interior decorator. Currently, the code allows an interior decorator with maximum floor area of 2,500 square feet. The proposal is to modify the term to read: Interior decorator, including the display and sale of furniture. This would allow the interior decorator to not only display materials, but sell them off the floor. Staff is concerned that this could easily turn into a furniture sales store, rather than a interior decorator showroom. Staff therefore recommends that this term be modified to keep the sales portion subordinate to the decorator use by modifying the use to read: Interior decorator, including the display and sale of furniture as an accessory use. This would only be within this provision in the C-1 Zone. The entry in the land use tables is not amended, since the category is allowed in other commercial and industrial zones without restriction. The staff is has also proposed modifications to the language in Sec. 25-319 to make the terminology of the uses consistent with the entries in the land use tables. Staff also has a concern that allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages without a size limitation may be inconsistent with neighborhood-oriented retail. Staff therefore recommends that the sale of alcoholic beverages be subject to the 5,000 square foot size limitation.

The land use table submitted with the text amendment does not reflect the amendments that were made to the tables by text amendment TXT2003-00196. It also needs some formatting changes to reflect the intent of the application. The staff has prepared the recommended amendments to the text amendment which are shown on Attachment D.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff finds that the proposed text amendment will provide added flexibility to certain retail centers in the C-1 Zone, which will assist in maintaining the viability of these centers. Staff therefore recommends approval of proposed text amendment TXT2003-00204 with the changes recommended by the staff as shown below.

Text Amendment TXT2003-00204 with Modifications Recommended by Staff.

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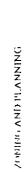
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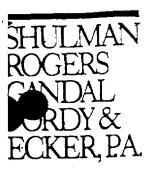


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The Honorable Larry Giammo Mayor
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Re:

Request for Text Amendment; Changes to C-1 Zone

Our File No. 070375.00003

Dear Mr. Giammo:

This Firm represents Seven Locks Plaza, LC, the owner of the shopping center located at Seven Locks Road and Fortune Terrace. The shopping center is in the C-1 zone. Of the five shopping centers in the City, zoned C-1, it is the largest.

The C-1 zone is relatively restrictive and the center has been suffering with a relatively high vacancy rate, due primarily to the limited number of permitted uses allowed in the zone. The market difference between the local shopping centers, typified by the C-1 zone, and the larger centers, which serve a regional population is characterized not by the limited uses, but more by the limited size of the individual tenants, and the size of their stores.

Our client has been working with members of the planning staff, in reviewing the permitted uses, and deciding which uses would be appropriate for the C-1 zone, but limited in size. Enclosed is a draft text amendment, which has been reviewed by your planning staff, and modified to reflect their concerns, and which we believe will allow the existing local commercial centers to serve their community, but not provide competition for the regional centers. The concern was that the scope of the center and its uses be consistent with a local shopping experience and not allow certain uses to expand beyond their local nature. As a result, the size of certain uses is proposed to be limited, so that they can exist in a local center, but only as a small operation, consistent with the purpose of the zone. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$2,500 and the affidavit.





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We request that the Council approve the introduction of this text amendment. It should not be a burden on the staff, since they have already reviewed it and the changes they suggested have been incorporated in this draft.

My best regards.

Very truly yours,

David D. Freishtat

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cc: Mr. Robert Spalding

Mr. Marc Solomon Mr. Bart Eisner

